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Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of any cited foreign patents, publications, or pending unpublished U.S. applications are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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